



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)) Neeraj GULATI et al.
Application No.) 10/052,917
Filing Date) November 2, 2001
Title) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PERMANENT SUB-NETWORK CONNECTIONS
IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK
Examiner) Anthony M. Sol
Art Unit) 2616
Attorney Docket No.) 10.0415

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 USA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 28, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-19 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-19 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance, without further search, and respectfully request such action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3

Remarks begin on page 8

Conclusion begins on page 12